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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 5 December 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq (S/2000/1132)*

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian Question

Other matters

* To be followed by a formal meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

SECONDCOMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Alexandru Niculescu (Romania), Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutionss A/C.2/55/L.32 (item 93 (b)), L.4 (item 94 (b)), L.10 (item 94 (c)), L.12 and L.13 (item 94 (e)) and a draft decision contained in Chapter I of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.18 (item 99) and L.31 (item 95 (f))

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3

Informal consultations on agenda item 169 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment the expenses of the United Nations peacekeeping operations)

p.m.*- 6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 116 (Review of the iciency of the administrative and financial functioning of United Nations: Results-based budgeting (A/54/456 and d 1-5, A/55/543 and A/54/287 and Add.1))

p.m.- 10 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 126 (Report of the cretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal ersight Services (A/51/432, A/51/530 and Corr.1, A/51/801, 52/426, A/53/428, A/54/393, A/55/436, A/55/469 and C.5/55/23))

* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations om 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations of the Third and the Fifth Committees on agenda item 118 (Programme planning) and in particular Programme 19 (Human rights) (A/55/6 (Prog. 19), A/C.5/55/20 and Add.1 and A/C.5/55/CRP.3)

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Sixth session

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on agreement on the privileges and immunities of the Court

WORKING GROUP ON RELATIONSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COURT AND THE UNITED NATIONS

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Conference Room 1

WORKING GROUP ON AGREEMENT ON THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE COURT

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Conference Room 4

WORKING GROUP ON CRIME OF AGGRESSION

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	Conference Room 4

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001
2. Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2002-2003

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

WORKING GROUP

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

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SECOND COMMITTEE

Today, 5 December 2000, there will be meetings of interested delegations on draft proposals, as follows:

Conference Room 2: A/C.2/55/L.36 (item 100), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room 9: A/C.2/55/L.38 (item 92 (c)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room S-2963D: A/C.2/55/L.21 (item 95 (d)) and A/C.2/55/L.30 (item 95 (d)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room DC1-1402: A/C.2/55/L.36 (item 100), from 2.30 p.m. to 5 p.m.;

Conference Room 8: A/C.2/55/L.29 (item 92 (a)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room C-209B: A/C.2/55/L.35 (item 97), from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), *today*, 5 December 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

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The Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development will hold a briefing on the outcome of the 3rd meeting of the Bureau of the Commission *today*, 5 December 2000, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Announcements

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs announced the launching of the Official United Nations Web site on the 2002 review of progress achieved since UNCED at www.un.org/rio+10. This Web site will provide information about the preparations for the review at the national, regional and international levels, as well as links to United Nations System and major group partners. The information on this site will be regularly updated as the preparatory process unfolds. Inquiries about the web site can be directed to Division for Sustainable Development of DESA (tel. (212) 963-8811, or (212) 963-8429, or by e-mail at dsd@un.org).

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The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) announced the launching of a Web site on the International Year of the Mountains, 2002 (IYM), proclaimed by the General Assembly in resolution 53/24. This Web site can be accessed from the FAO home page (www.fao.org) or directly at the following address: www.mountains2002.org.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 5 December 2000

ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

a.m. - 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7
15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77 OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

a.m. - 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on A/C.2/55/L.35 (UNITAR))

15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(briefing by the Co-Chair of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Energy and Sustainable Development)

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT

COORDINATING BUREAU

3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on all outstanding Second Committee items)

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 December 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

The Web site of the Russian Federation Presidency of the Security Council can be visited at the following address: http://www.un.int/russia.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 6 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

11 a.m. — 82nd plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

1. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments:

   (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/652)* [17 (a)]

   (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/424/Add.1)* [17 (b)]

   (c) Appointment of a member of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/653)* [17 (c)]

   (d) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/654)* [17 (d)]

   (e) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/655)* [17 (e)]

   (f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/55/656)* [17 (g)]

2. Assistance in mine action: draft resolution (A/55/L.44/Rev.2 and Corr.1) [47]

3. Credentials of representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly: Second report of the Credentials Committee (A/55/537/Add.1) [3]

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* To be issued in the course of the day.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

0 a.m.	41st meeting	Conference Room 2
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 41st meeting of the econd Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

0 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.*	35th meeting	Conference Room 3
Afternoon**	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
7 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

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* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

** Following the adjournment of the 35th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10:30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items, conducted by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg), will take place on Wednesday, 6 December 2000, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will resume its consideration of agenda item 86 (Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects) on Wednesday, 6 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1. The report of the extraordinary session of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations is contained in document A/C.4/55/6.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

Under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh), the Security Council Working Group on General Issues on Sanctions will meet in Conference Room 7 as follows: Friday, 8 December 2000, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Monday, 11 December, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 12 December, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 13 December, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 15 December, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (6 to 16 March 2001). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS; and (2) Gender and all forms of discrimination, in particular racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (Room DC2-1259), no later than Thursday, 7 December 2000.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The fourth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 11 to 22 December 2000 in Bonn, Germany. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 18 to 20 December. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 5 minutes.

Th[illegible]ist of speakers for the special segment is open until [illegible]ay, 5 December. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list [illegible]speakers for this segment are requested to contact the tech[illegible]l Secretariat of the Conference in New York (Ms. June [illegible]esney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: [illegible]esney@un.org). The list will be reopened in Bonn on Mon[illegible]y, 11 December (telephone and fax numbers to be an[illegible]unced).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Bonn on Monday, 11 December.

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(4)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (http://www.unccd.int).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole on Wednesday, 6 December 2000, at 11 a.m. (conference room to be announced).

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and the protection of the United Nations personnel under agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance), organized by the delegation of France on behalf of the European Union, will take place on Wednesday, 6 December 2000, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors to discuss the draft resolution under agenda item 14 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency), organized by the delegation of Nigeria, on Wednesday, 6 December 2000, from 12.20 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on agenda item 30 (Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review), organized by the delegation of Botswana, will be held on Wednesday, 6 December 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting for delegations interested in participating in the Energy Exhibit Committee for the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on Thursday, 7 December 2000, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9. The meeting, organized by the delegation of Canada, is open to all interested Member States.

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Informal consultations

Informal consultations with interested delegations on agenda item 50 (Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa), organized by the delegation of Botswana, will be held on Thursday, 7 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the second session in the annual series entitled "Public-Private Partnership for Sustainable Development". This session will focus on "Public-Private partnership for Infrastructure Development". The workshop to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 7 and Friday, 8 December 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Hearings

As requested by the Preparatory Committee for the High-level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development, hearings with the business sector will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 11 and 12 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, United Nations agencies and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

For further information, please contact the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat (tel.: (212) 963-4451). The list of panellists and their presentations are available on the Internet (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/NGO/1200hear/panel_list2.htm).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 14 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 15 December from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 7 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 4 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

80th plenary meeting

The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [43]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/175, A/55/389, A/55/465)

(b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/55/174)

(c) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.33/Rev.1, A/55/L.42)

The representative of Nicaragua made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.42.

The representative of Mexico made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.33/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guatemala, Colombia, France (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Japan, Costa Rica, Brazil, Spain, Venezuela and El Salvador.

The representative of Nicaragua made a statement in exercise of the right of reply.

The General Assembly was informed that action on draft resolutions A/55/L.33/Rev.1 and A/55/L.42 was postponed to a later date, to allow time for the review of their programme budget implications by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that consideration of draft resolution A/55/L.44/Rev.2, scheduled for that meeting under agenda item 47 (Assistance in mine action), was postponed to a later date at the request of the sponsors of the draft resolution.

81st plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 81st plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2000/236).

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 34th meeting

Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [138]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this item.

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

The representative of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.11.

The representative of Lebanon made a statement.

The Chairman informed the Committee that a decision on the draft resolution would be taken at a later date.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement regarding the Committee's work schedule for the remaining weeks of the main part of the fifty-fifth session.

Statements were then made by the representatives of Egypt, Cuba, Venezuela, the Syrian Arab Republic and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST 1st meeting

The President of the General Assembly opened the meeting and made a statement.

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA made an opening statement.

Statements and announcements regarding pledges were made by the representatives or observers of the following countries: Switzerland, Cyprus, Sweden, Chile, United Arab Emirates, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Denmark, Bahrain, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Spain, Morocco, Austria, Japan, Kuwait, Turkey, Republic of Korea, Norway, Italy, United States, Tunisia and China.

The Commissioner-General of UNRWA made a closing statement.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS
Twenty-fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 1 DECEMBER 2000

84th meeting

Adoption of the report [9]

The Committee adopted its report.

The Committee re-elected Ms. Virginia Bonoan-Dandan Chairperson of the Committee in closed meeting.

The Committee thus concluded the work of its twenty-fourth session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Human Rights Day 2000

As part of the commemoration of Human Rights Day 2000, a special two-part event focusing on the theme "Preparations for the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance" will take place on Thursday 7 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in Conference Room 1. From 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon, there will be a high-level, nine-city video-conference. Speakers will include Mary Robinson, High Commissioner for Human Rights; Techeste Ahderom, Chair, NGO Committee on Human Rights; Jyoti Singh, Executive Coordinator, World Conference against Racism; and high-level representatives of the South African and Chilean Governments. From 12 noon to 1 p.m., there will be a panel discussion, also in Conference Room 1, "The Human Rights Balance Sheet 2000". Speakers will include H.E. Sr. Gabriel J. Valdés, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations; Elissavet Stamatopoulou-Robbins, Deputy to the Director, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, New York; and Malcolm Smart, Director of Programmes, Human Rights Watch (New York). Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. Human Rights Day is organized by the NGO Section of the Department of Public Information and the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights, New York. For further information, please contact Ms. Yvonne Duncan (tel.: (212) 963-1285).

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Screening of films

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People and owing to technical problems experienced during the first screening of the films "Behind the Walls" and "Despite the Odds" on 29 November, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People has arranged for a second screening of the films, to be held on Friday, 8 December 2000, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Exhibit

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, presents a Palestinian Art Exhibit entitled "The Land". The exhibit will remain in display at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Tuesday, 12 December 2000.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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